

**Minutes of the Community Design Commission
Held on June 25, 2014
At Village Hall in Council Chambers**

Forestry Sub-Committee Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Attendees: Chairperson Douglas Chien, Commissioners James Rolfes, Michele Wheeler

Absent: None

Also present: Craig Failor, Village Planner; John Wielebnicki, Public Works Director; Rob Sproule, Forestry Superintendent

Discussion regarding forestry issues:

Mr. Failor and Mr. Wielebnicki introduced Mr. Sproule, the new Forestry Superintendent. Mr. Sproule explained his background and experience. Commissioners discussed some of the goals of the sub-committee, including community education and awareness.

Other Business:

None.

Community Design Commission Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. and roll was called.

Attendees: Chairperson Douglas Chien; Commissioners Teresa Heit-Murray, Richard Katz, Christina Loranz, Lloyd Natof, James Rolfes, Aaron Stigger, Michele Wheeler

Absent: Commissioners Steven Avalos, Julie Carpenter, John Schiess, Greg Sorg

Also present: Craig Failor, Village Planner; John Wielebnicki, Public Works Director; Rob Sproule, Forestry Superintendent

Public Attendees: None.

Non-Agenda Public Comment: None.

Minutes:

Commissioner Natof moved to approve the minutes from May 28, 2014. Commissioner Wheeler seconded. The minutes were approved upon submission.

Public Hearing(s); Sitting as the Design Review Commission:

None.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Chair Chien introduced Rob Sproule, the new Forestry Superintendent for the Village. Mr. Sproule talked about his experience and background and said he was excited to be with the Village. He said a microburst storm came through and there was some tree damage. He said they were planting approximately 350 trees and doing regular removals. Commissioner Rolfes asked how many people were on staff in the forestry division. Mr. Sproule said four staff members besides himself and there was currently an opening. He said there were also four college interns for the summer.

Staff Report:

Mr. Failor updated on the Comprehensive Plan. He said they were awaiting referral by the Village Board to the Plan Commission for a public hearing. The tentative date for the hearing was July 31, 2014. He said after the public hearing it would go to the Village Board for final approval. He said last week there was a walking tour of North Avenue with business and neighborhood groups and staff. They looked at issues ranging from dilapidated buildings to parkway maintenance. He said staff was hoping to do a business plan for North Avenue if they could get funding in the budget next year. He said there was a walk this afternoon with Trustee Ott along Madison Street to review the recommended plans and improvements. He said the Village Board would be reviewing plans for Lake Street improvements at an upcoming Board meeting.

Commissioner Wheeler asked about the repairs on Marion Street. Mr. Failor said the speed table was constructed of bluestone and as it was failing, it would be replaced with brick and the cross walks would be replaced with granite.

Commissioner Heit-Murray said she had just witnessed a bike accident at a cross walk on North Avenue and if there was any way to slow the traffic that would be beneficial.

Chair Chien said he had noticed many small, wrought iron fences by the planters on Roosevelt Road were missing. Mr. Wielebnicki said the fences were damaged by being hit and they were struggling to find contractors to replace them. He said they were looking at alternatives to replacing them and coordinating with Berwyn. Commissioner Natof asked about planter maintenance along Roosevelt Road. Mr. Wielebnicki said each has been planted but weeding has been an issue.

Other Business:

Commissioners went over their first round picks for the Cavalcade of Pride awards. The following were assignments for first and second rounds:

Zone assignments were given to the following for first round:

Zone 1- Schiess/Rolfes

Zone 2- Wheeler/Sorg

Zone 3- Heit-Murray/Natof

Zone 4- Rolfes/Chien

Zone 5- Carpenter/Wheeler

Zone 6- Natof/Carpenter

Zone 7- Katz & Avalos/Loranz

Zone 8- Chien/Stigger

Zone 9- Stigger/Katz

Chair Chen asked if the prior meeting's discussion was helpful for the new commission members in the first round process. Commissioners Rolfes and Katz agreed.

Commissioner Natof left at 7:38 p.m.

Commissioner Heit-Murray reminded commissioners to consider signs for awards. Chair Chien reminded commissioners about the Good Neighbor category as well.

Adjournment

Commissioner Loranz moved to adjourn. Commissioner Stigger seconded. The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Angela Schell,

Recording Secretary

